wards of Bhopal at the time of the Bhopal Gas Leak Disaster in December, 1984, at the rate of Rs. 200/- per month.

(b) and (c) According to the information furnished by the Government of Madhya Pradesh, till 3rd August, 1990, accounts have been opened by banks for 1,35,458 beneficiaries.

Import of Paraxylene

1372. SHRI A.G. KULKARNI:

SHRI VISHWASRAO RAMRAO PATIL:

DR. BAPU KALDATE:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the exact capacity for which permission was granted to M/s. Reliance Industries Ltd. for the manufacture of paraxylene and whether the imported plant had the same capacity i.e., 50,000 tonnes;

(b) whether the production of paraxylene was permitted under clearance from MRTP and other similar provisions and whether it was permitted to sell or only for captive use;

(c) how much paraxylene was imported by various consumers like Bombay Dyeing, IPCL Baroda, and others during 1988-89 and 1989-90 and what was the customs duty and the international price at that point of time and final landed price; and

(d) whether the price fixed by the Cost Cell of Finance Ministry is on high side than what BICP recommended and whether is BICP working out fair selling price?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY): (a) and (b) Industrial licence of M/s. RIL was endorsed for 67,000 tonnes of paraxylene subject to certain conditions after following prescribed procedure.

(c) During 1988-89 PX was under OGL and users directly made the imports. IPCL, who was the canalising agency during 88-89 imported 42199 MT of PX for producers of DMT. Custom duty on PX which was 90% at the beginning of the year was lowered to 80% later on. International prices of PX have been fluctuating during the year and it ranged between US $ 795/T C&F in March 1989 to US $ 407/T in February, 1990. Accordingly, landed price also varied and the landed price for the last parcel imported by ICPL was around 14000/T.

(d) BICP has been asked to examine the fair selling price of indigenous paraxylene.

Procuring of orders by Engineering Projects India Ltd. and Engineers India Ltd.

1373. SHRI RAM AWADESH SINGH : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Engineering Projects India Ltd., and Engineers India Ltd. act as middlemen in the execution of heavy orders by giving the same on subcontract to other public and private sector manufacturers and structuring companies and earn profits of crores of rupees ;

(b) whether these companies have been allotted huge amount of work in Durgapur Modernisation Project and they have sublet the same to other public sectors companies like MAMC, HEC, BHEL etc., after getting heavy margin of profit ;

(c) whether the objective of such companies is to work as middle